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TO AMEMBASSY MOSCOW PRIORITY

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FOR MATLOCK FROM GARRISON

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OGEN

SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. RE USUN 00821 CONCERNING SMUN REQUEST TO LEASE VEHICLES
ON LONG-TERM BASIS, WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR VIEWS AND ANY
COMMENTS ON SITUATION IN MOSCOW. OUR IMPRESSION IS THAT
EMBASSY OR EMBOFFS CAN RENT VEHICLES FROM INTOURIST. IS
THIS CORRECT? HOW ABOUT LENINGRAD? WE HAVE NOT YET CHECKED
OUT REQUEST WITH FBI, BUT IF THEY ARE NOT OPPOSED, PERHAPS
WE COULD GET SOVIET AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE THAT EMBASSY AND
CONGEN HAVE RIGHT TO LEASE UNCHAUFFERED VEHICLES IN USSR.

2. WE ARE TOLD THAT A RECENT NEW YORK POST GOSSIP COLUMN
REPORTED THAT NUREYEV'S MOTHER IS GETTING OUT. WE ASSUME
THE STORY IS UNTRUE.

3. FRANK WEIL DID NOT COMMENT ON THE STATE OF RELATIONS
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WHEN HE HANDED OVER THE LETTER POSTPONING THE KREPS TRIP
(STATE 62815). DOBRYNIN ACCEPTED SCHEDULING CONFLICTS AS
THE REASON.

4. SENATOR STEVENSON IS EXPECTED TO PROPOSE IN THE NEAR
FUTURE CHANCES IN THE RESTRICTIONS THAT APPLY TO THE
USSR IN THE EXIMBANK LEGISLATION WE WILL KEEP YOU ADVISED.

5. SORRY THE CABLES REPORTING ON SATURDAY'S MEETING

HERE WERE HELD UP FORCES BEYOND OUR CONTROL AND THUS WERE
NOT AVAILABLE TO THE AMBASSADOR IN TIME FOR HIS SESSION
WITH GEORGEI MARKOVICH. TOLYA MADE WITH SOME FORCE THE
POINT CONVEYED IN FIRST SENTENCE OF PARA FOUR OF THE
CABLE REPORTING ON THE HORN PORTION OF THE TALK THERE,
BUT THIS IS NOT REFLECTED IN THE CABLE REPORTS. IN CASE
WE HAVE NOT TOLD YOU OTHERWISE, YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT TOLYA
IS RETURNING THE END OF THIS WEEK AND WE ARE GEARING UP
TO UNLOAD EVERYTHING APPROPRIATE ON HIM BEFORE THEN. VANCE

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